believe in exceeding the estimates, and although he regretted to do so he must oppose the clause.

Ald. Scarrow thought the Council might grant the amount.

Ald. O'Meara again spoke in defence of the workingmen.

Mayor Hyman said that as he had told them before the motion was out of order, for they could not use the relief fund. He might say that he had only a small balance on hand, and there were the demands of the widows, orphans and other poor people upon him. However, if a motion were passed to allow No. 2 to overdraw their estimate he would not object.

Ald. Hunt moved that No. 2 Committee be allowed to overdraw their account to the extent of $200. Ald. O'Meara seconded.

The amendment was carried, and the report was adopted.

NO. ONE COMMITTEE REPORT.

1.—Your Committee having examined the following accounts, and, finding them correct, recommend the same for payment:—

NO. ONE COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Court House and Jail		$424 61
Incidental expense—		
Disbursements by Mayor	$ 4 50—	
Deputation to Ottawa	118 90—	123 40
Coroners' Inquests—		
Dr. Waugh	$ 10 00	
Dr. Hutchinson	10 00—	20 00
Debenture Account—		
E. H. Kordes		36 00
Stationery—		
E. H. Kordes		17 60
		$ 621 01

NO. TWO COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Bridges—		
Ferguson Bros		$ 28 82
City Parks—		
G. Campbell	$ 163 54	
J. Wright & Co	18 47	
		182 01
City Hall—		
Pay sheet	$ 4 38	
W. H. Heard & Co	14 86	
J. Wright & Co	85	
		20 09
Streets, etc.—		
Pay sheet	36 87	
J. Wright & Co	53 68	
		90 55
City Pounds—		
J. Wright & Co		30
		$ 321 78

NO. 3 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Market—		
Pay sheet	$ 2 25	
J. Wright & Co	1 30—	$ 3 55
Board of Health—		
E. H. Kordes		23 25
Relief—		
Tytler & Bullen	26 00	
G. McNeil	178 85—	$ 204 85
Total		$1,174 34

2—That the petition of Fred. Barnard, *re* assessment, be referred to the Court of Revision.

3—That the petition of Rosa Gerraty, for remission of 1884 taxes, amounting to $5, be granted.

4—That the petition of Robert Logan, for reduction of assessment, be filed, the Court of Revision having sustained the assessment.

5—Your Committee regret to have to report no funds in reference to the petition of James Marshall, for a grant to the colored band.

6—Your Committee beg to report progress in the petition of J. B. Laing, and others, *re* removal of powder magazine.

7—That the petition of James Piper, for remission of income tax, be filed.

8—Your Committee beg to report progress in the petitions of D. McPhail and D. Lavine, *re* income tax; Mrs. Starr, remission of taxes; David Carter, *re* remission of dog tax, and H. Diprose, *re* remission of sewer rate.

9—Your Committee beg to recommend that clauses B and C in the by-law *re* sale of Exhibition Grounds be struck out, and only submit to the ratepayers the simple question: Shall the Exhibition Grounds be sold?

10—That the City Solicitor be instructed to make application to the Legislature for an act to borrow the necessary funds required to sell the present and purchase other grounds for exhibition and military purposes, if required.

11—Your Committee beg to report progress on the resolution of Ald. Scarrow, *re* Salvation Army appeals, having referred the matter to the Mayor and City Solicitor.

12—Your Committee beg to submit a by-law extending the time of the loan from the Bank of Montreal.

On motion the report was taken up, clause by clause.

Clauses 1, 2 and 3, passed.

On clause 4,

Ald. Hunt moved that the prayer of the petition be granted. Ald. Stringer seconded.

Ald. Becher said the matter had come before the Court of Revision, when Mr. Logan had the opportunity of bringing witnesses, but did not do so, and now the Council had no power. He raised the point of order.

Mayor Hyman ruled the clause out of order.

Clauses 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, adopted.

On clause 12, the by-law to authorize the extension of the time for borrowing of $180,000 from the Bank of Montreal was read a first, second, and third time and passed, and the clause was adopted.

The by-law for submitting to the ratepayers, the three questions was read a third time.

Ald. Becher moved that the by-law be finally passed. Ald. Birrell seconded.

In amendment Ald. Cowan moved that clauses B and C be struck out, and that the

question be submitted simply, shall the Exhibition Grounds be sold? Ald. Scarrow seconded. Carried.

It was decided that the vote be taken on the same day and at the same places as for the municipal elections, one scrutineer at each place, to be appointed by his Worship, for and one against the by-law.

The by-law passed.

THE SPARRING EXHIBITION.

Ald. Scarrow moved that in future the use of the City Hall be not given for sparring exhibitions, and that the motion passed at last meeting granting it for such a purpose be rescinded. Ald. Stringer seconded.

A petition was read from several of the city clergy asking that the use of the hall be not granted for such purposes. It alluded to the manner in which the Chief Justice at the late assizes had referred to the great prevalence of crime in the county, and the petitioners expressed their opinion that these exhibitions of the manly art largely contribute to these crimes, and asked that the hall be not granted.

A deputation composed of Rev. Messrs. Ryckman, Grant and Hunter spoke in support of the motion and petition. Aldermen Scarrow and Stringer also supported it.

Yeas—Birrell, Hunt, O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Stringer, Scarrow—7.

Nays—Beattie, Hewitt, Niven, Becher —4.

BY-LAWS PASSED.

The by-law for the appointment of polling places and deputy returning officers for the municipal elections was read a first, second and third time, and finally passed.

A by-law for taking the votes of the ratepayers on the question of putting an end to the rights, powers and privileges of the Water Commissioners—the vote to be taken at the same time and place as for the municipal elections, and appointing deputy returning officers and poll clerks for taking the vote—the duties of the Commissioners, in the event of the by-law being passed, to cease on the 1st of May next—was read a first and second time.

On the motion for third reading,

In amendment, Ald. Beattie moved that the by-law be given a twelve months hoist.

Ald. Beattie said he had found a good many citizens opposed to the proposed by-law, as they thought it would not be in the interest of the city should the commissioners be dispensed with.

Ald. Niven seconded the amendment.

Ald, Scarrow was surprised at the course of Ald. Beattie. The by-law was brought in on the score of economy, and he believed on the score of economy it would be passed by the people.

Ald. Skinner believed the change would be an economy, and that the people should be allowed to pronounce upon the matter.

Mayor Hyman then left the chair, which was taken by Ald. Birrell.

Mayor Hyman thought the Council were acting rashly in this matter. He had said nothing at last meeting as to what was said then. Certain charges were made—of course the Aldermen making these blandly prefaced them with the remark that they had nothing to say against the present Board of Commissioners, but that was all nonsense. The charges had been made that the Commissioners had improperly and extravagantly carried on the management of the Water-works, and it had been said that they spent $4,500 that could be saved. Well, they paid the Secretary $1,200 and an assistant and the engineer, whom they would need anyhow. The Inspector they could not do without —in fact he thought it would be better if they had two. It was all very well for the Aldermen sitting here to talk, but they knew what a feeling there had always been between the Council and the School Board and other departments, and this feeling was largely engendered by the nonsensical remarks made in the Council. He himself at the beginning of the year was open to the charge that he thought the Council should have a larger representation on the Board of Police Commissioners, but since he had been on that Board and saw how matters were conducted, he felt that it would be an injury if the Council should have the larger representation. He was of the opinion that the Council would have quite enough to do if they managed the affairs of the city in the coming year as they should be managed, without taking on themselves other departments. The Commissioners were elected, and were just as responsible to the people as the aldermen were. Ald. Beattie had been charged with changing his mind since the last election on this question. But there were many matters that came up before the Commissioners as to remission of water rates, and they came up here as to taxes, but they were treated very differently by the Commissioners from here. They found here that Aldermen were prone to throw off taxes as far as they could for those in their ward. He knew, and those who had attended the meetings would agree with him, that all petitions were treated by the Commissioners on their merits and on their